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Applicant: Gary Ruvkun et al.

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GLUCOSE TOLERANCE CONDITIONS

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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed in the above-captioned case on March 28, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 18-22, without prejudice.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8, 10-23, and 25-28 are pending in this case. Claims 1-5, 8, 10-17, 23, and 25-28 are allowable.

By the present amendment, Applicants have canceled all rejected claims. For the record, Applicants do not agree with the present rejections, but, in the interest of expediting patent issuance, claims 18-22 have been canceled. These claims will be pursued in a divisional application.


Conclusion

Applicant submits that this case is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying for three months, to and including September 28, 2001. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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